

If you upon reflection think it best to accept the terms I wish you would authorize me to inform Mr Hogg So in order to have the time prolonged

I am dear Sir
with esteem
your Ob^t Servant
B Woods

J G Blount Eqr]

Addressed: John G. Blount Esq^r

Free

Washington

LETTERS FOR 1801

William Polk to John Gray Blount

Jan^y. 6^h. 1801.

Raleigh

Dear Sir.

I have this day rec^d. your letter of the 29^h. ultimo, and being just on the setting off for Hillsborough with my Sons to School wait untill I give you answer.

Memucon Hunt, Pleasant Henderson and myself for ourselves & others laid a petition before our General Assembly relative to our Western Land claims;¹ which was taken up & the petitioners as was the case at Fayetteville in 1794 referred to Congress; this was however accompanied with several Resolutions directing our Senators & requesting the Representatives to further the prayer of the petition[ers] —————* & have directed the Gov^r. to forward —————* which has been done so by him. —————* already written to Mr. Henderson———* [2] subject & think it

¹ This petition sought reimbursement for speculators' claims to Tennessee country lands ceded by North Carolina to the United States in 1790 and subsequently recognized as Cherokee Indian land by the United States Treaty of Holston in 1791. The speculators were again trying to retrieve their loss. In both 1794 and 1801 the petitions were endorsed by the North Carolina General Assembly and sent to Congress, which did not grant direct relief. *American State Papers* (Washington: Gales and Seaton, 38 volumes, 1832-1861), Class VIII, Volume I, 24, 27, 112-113, 164, hereinafter cited as *American State Papers*; *Annals of Congress*, Third Congress, First Session, 1793-1795, I, 1254; Eighth Congress, First Session, 1803-1805, I, 623-624, 877, 1053, 1234, 1301.

* Manuscript torn.